

# Zion Mennonite Church

Zion Mennonite Church covenants to grow together as a Christ-centered community, extending our Anabaptist branch into our world, bearing the lasting fruit of discipleship, and planting the seeds for God's reign through hospitality, service, and reconciliation with God and others.

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January 28, 2018

We welcome to our pulpit today Katherine Jameson Pitts, the Executive Conference Minister of our regional district conference, the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference. Pastor Mathew Swora is at Zion's Adult Retreat at Drift Creek Camp, and Pastor Jana Gingerich is on sabbatical until late April.

## Gathering and Prelude

Welcome Words

Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 27

Prayer

Singing: *HWB 36 God of Our Strength*  
*STS 105 Holy Spirit, Truth Devine*  
*STS 99 The Lord's My Shepherd*

Scripture Reading: Genesis 16:1-16

Offering

Children's Story

Song: *HWB 454 Be Thou My Vision*

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

Message: "Choosing the Future"

Response Song: *HWB 486 God of Our Life*

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song: *HWB 546 Guide My Feet*

Worship Leader: Pat Hershberger  
Song Leader: Clyde Hockman  
Children's Story: Katherine Jameson Pitts  
Prelude/Offerory: Karen Tro

9:00am  
9:30am  
9:45am  
10:45am

## This Morning:

Coffee Time

Sunday School For All Ages

Prayer Team meets (upstairs)

Worship Service

## This Afternoon/Evening

MYF at Coulombe's for games

Jr. High at Church

## This Week:

Wednesday 10:00am Bible Study in Library

12:15pm Prayer Meeting at Zion

Thursday 9:00am Mennonite Women

## Worship Schedule:

February 4: Mathew will be preaching "Why Church?"

Ephesians 1:3-14

February 11: Mathew will be preaching "What is Church?",

Ephesians 1:13-14 and John 17:20-26

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## Annual Budget Meeting

### Sunday, February 18

### following a Potluck Meal

In literature boxes today is a copy of the 2017 Annual Budget Report. A final 2018 Budget will be approved at the meeting.

With much appreciation and gratitude to those who participated in the MCC Relief Kit Drive, the following items were collected:

Complete relief kits: 18

Towels: 89

Sanitary pads: 15 packages of varying sizes

Shampoo: 21 bottles

Bath soap: 174 bars

Laundry Soap: 31 bars

Tooth brushes: 205

Nail clippers: 94

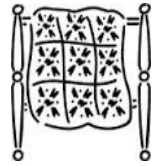
Band-aids: 20 boxes

Combs: 23

A donation of \$350 will be used to purchase more bars of laundry soap.

Thank  
You!

## 46th Annual Quilting Workshop February 22, 23, and 24



Volunteer Sign-ups are posted on the bulletin board. There are many spots to be filled. Sign up early!

### Goshen College Men's Choir with guest Canby High School Men's Choir Concert on Sunday, February 25 at 6:00pm

The Goshen choir will be staying over-night Sunday, February 25. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please indicate how many students you can house and what arrangements you have available (number of rooms, number of beds, etc) and if you have any special requests or limitations. **PLEASE sign-up early—there are approximately 55 students and college personnel for which we will be finding host homes!**

Thanks to everyone who gave us feedback for Mathew's annual review. Mathew's accessibility, supportiveness, and leadership were strongly affirmed.

In addition, his sermons were also rated highly. Some concerns were shared, but many others also shared praise. Given the mixed feedback, we did not make any recommendation to Mathew about his sermons. But we did provide him with an overview of the concerns that were shared. Due to the confidential nature of the comments, however, we did not share specific details.

Mathew was grateful for the feedback, and asked us to encourage anyone with thoughts about comprehension, engagement, or other suggestions regarding his sermons to share those directly with him. We also encourage anyone with praise for Mathew's sermons to share that with him as well, since we believe that it is equally important for him to hear what is working for people as what isn't.

From your feedback about his time usage, he will also seek to do more visitations and less administration, or delegate what he can.

—The PCRC

### Mennonite Women's Retreat at Drift Creek Camp April 13-15

Megan Ramer, lead pastor at Seattle Mennonite will be our guest speaker. The weekend is meant to nourish community and truly be a retreat. There will be daily gatherings with Megan that will be enriched with worship and sharing as we look at what it means to live a life of gratitude. Between sessions, women will have the freedom to choose how they spend the day. There will be free-time with a variety of activities being offered which include hikes, knitting, working on comforters for MCC, a discussion on Rachel Naomi Remen's *My Grandfather's Blessings*, as well as made-to-order coffee and outlets for creative expression. We hope you will consider this opportunity to connect with one another; to reflect on areas in your life for which you feel grateful or identify ways that you hope to cultivate gratitude. **For more information see the flyer on the bulletin board or visit [www.driftcreek.org](http://www.driftcreek.org). Registration Deadline: April 1 (early bird discount when payment received by February 15)**

**The Canby Center is looking for a part-time Bilingual Resource Coordinator.** More information is posted on the bulletin board if you or someone you know may be interested.

At the beginning of January, there was a big rain storm in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. The Santa Cruz Christian Learning Center, where the Amstutz kids studied K-12 and Rebecca Strong currently teaches and Matias and Marcos study, was under 3 feet of water. There is \$35,000 estimated damage and another \$20,000 estimated in repair work on the property to ensure that future rains do not damage the facility in this way again. Zion's Witness and Service commission is inviting you to support this relief project. You can find detailed information at this website: [southamericamission.org/blog/scclc-jan-18-flood-relief](http://southamericamission.org/blog/scclc-jan-18-flood-relief) Donations can be made directly through the website, or checks may be written to Zion with "SCCLC" designated in the memo line.

*Reminder: Zion is a busy place throughout the week. The cleaning service only comes on Mondays. If you are here sometime during the week, please be mindful of tidying up. Thank you!*

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**Please keep in your prayers:**

- Those who are worshipping together at Drift Creek Camp this morning as part of the Adult Retreat.
- Mennonites in Paraguay grieving the recent loss of a member to guerilla violence, that their offer of forgiveness, their commitment to the gospel of peace, and their advocacy on behalf of some of the justice concerns that they share with the guerillas, might honor God and bring about justice and reconciliation (Mennonite World Conference)
- A mission worker family with two children in an undisclosed primarily Muslim country in the Middle East, that they might show Christ's love through teaching and community art projects, and that the mother might find ways around the loneliness and isolation placed by cultural restrictions on women there (Mennonite Mission Network)

**A prayer to carry through the week:** "Lord, whose am I, if not your own? What hard bondage it is to belong to myself and to my passions!" by Francis Fenelon, 17th C. France

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**Nursery:**

This week: Shawn Epp and Elizabeth Masingila  
Next Week: Cassie Miller and Anna Park

**Last Sunday:**

Attendance: 126  
Offering: \$2,107  
MWC: \$755

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***PLEASE NOTE!! Pastor Jana's email address has changed.  
Her new address is [zionpastor\\_jg@canby.com](mailto:zionpastor_jg@canby.com)***

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